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Weekly Views

Letter to Superintendent McCauley from the Super Bowl Host Committee: I wanted to let you know that we have been delighted to have the Indiana Women's Prison assist us with our Super Scarf Project. Over the last few months, Ms. Atwood and the ladies have gone above and beyond what we have asked of them. In December, we needed to ramp up our efforts in getting out scarves patched. Ms. Atwood and the women were able to complete the extra scarves as well as a few "emergency" patch runs! Thank you so much for your assistance throughout the last few months, we are so grateful to have had this partnership with the Indiana Women's Prison. Due to the hard work and effort of the women, we are now sure that we will be able to provide a warm thank you to the thousands of volunteers who will make this a successful Super Bowl!

Last week, several Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility residents moved into the new Reformativ Residential Re-Entry Program (RRRP) dorm. The RRRP focus is to provide residents with programs that are characterized with the core values of honesty with self and others, tolerance of the views and beliefs of others, caring for others and personal responsibility.

Sixty-four PEN Products offender workers at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility participated in a graduation ceremony to receive their U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificates. Offenders earned apprenticeships in eight different occupational titles and two offenders completed apprenticeships that required 10,000 hours of on-the-job training plus 720 hours of related instruction while working in either the PEN Products printing operation or one of the two joint venture operations. Chief of Staff Amanda Copeland and Superintendent Richard Brown addressed the graduates and their families.

Family, friends, and current and former co-workers came together to celebrate the retirement of Parole Agent John Bolla from the Gary Parole Office. Mr. Bolla dedicated 37 years of service to the citizens of Indiana and staff appropriately congratulated and recognized his accomplishments. Best wishes to John and his wife Sue as they move on to a new chapter in their life.

Miami Correctional Facility invited Alex Huskey, a Marion pastor who serves as chairman of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, to speak to offenders during a special assembly celebrating Martin Luther King's Birthday recently. Huskey is a veteran public servant with 20 years of law enforcement experience. In addition to his full-time state responsibilities, Huskey has served since 2007 as the pastor of New Bethany Church of God in Christ.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility sponsored a Clay County Girls Basketball game during which staff presented the team with a check for \$750. Coordinated by Carie Hardman and Tonya Morris, cake, cookies, pies and "angel tree" ornaments were sold to raise the money and a generous donation from the Aramark Fresh Favorite Community Involvement Fund enabled staff to exceed their monetary goal. On game night, Carrie Hardman presented the check to the "Lady EELs" who wore pink sneakers, in honor of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the intended recipient of the donation.

The Rockville Correctional Facility donated \$500 to the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) to benefit victims of sexual assault. The money raised for this very worthy cause came offender ice cream sales through the Recreation Department at the Rockville Correctional Facility.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility Held a PLUS graduation for eight students. These students each completed 96 hours of faith and character based programming, accumulated a total of 200 hours of community service, knitted hats for the community, sponsored two children from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program, and raised \$360 during the 16 week program.

Branchville Correctional Facility donated \$1000 to Heritage Hills High School to help support their band program. Offenders from all dormitories raised the money through a series of fundraisers throughout 2011.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility is pleased to announce that Mr. Glenn Handzlik has been hired as the facility's new Physical Plant Director. Mr. Handzlik was welcomed to the facility during a meeting held in the Superintendent's office on Monday that was attended by members of the facility's Executive Staff. Mr. Handzlik served as the Director of Telecommunications/Security Systems at the Indiana State Prison.

Please join Correctional Industrial Facility Superintendent Wendy Knight in congratulating officers Mark Daulton, Darquan Neal, Charles Houchins, and Lucas Stroud on being promoted to the rank of Sergeant and welcoming Utility Captain Larry Taylor as a lateral transfer from Pendleton Correctional Facility.

The Westville Control Unit reached a new milestone in providing programming to offenders. For the first time in the unit's history, four offenders were released from their cells to collectively participate in group. The group is led by Dr. Ron Williams and will be focusing on developing social skills and relating to others. The goal of the group is to help these selected offenders live successfully in general population.